Orientation to Dental Specialties

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- **DESIRE AND DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED**: MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN INTELLIGENCE OR ‘GOOD HANDS’.
- **PERSEVERANCE**: THESE SKILLS ARE NOT EASY- YOU MUST KEEP TRYING !!

HOW CAN YOU SUCCEED ??

- APPLY YOURSELF
- BE RECEPTIVE AND WILLING
- REPETITION: LEARNING TAKES PRACTICE !!
- LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES
- TAKE PRIDE: You will come to be known by the quality and quantity of your work and contribution to our organization.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT
- HANDS, BODY, UNIFORM
- YOUR CLEANLINESS REFLECTS ON YOU AND THE ORGANIZATION

ATTITUDE

- POLITE
- CARING
- CONCIENTIOUS
- EMPATHETIC
- TEAM PLAYER

ALWAYS THE SOLDIER !!

- MILITARY BEARING
- MILITARY COURTESY
- SOLDIER SKILLS AS WELL AS DENTAL SKILLS

TASKS COMMON TO ALL

- Set up instruments and equipment
- Receive and seat patients
- Prepare for treatment
- Assist in treatment procedures
- Remove and clean instruments and the operatory
- Appoint patients
- Fill out records and reports
- Maintain supplies and equipment

DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND DUTIES RELATED TO EACH SPECIALTY

ORAL EXAMINATION

- THE BRANCH OF DENTISTRY CONCERNED WITH THE EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION OF THE PATIENT'S ORAL AND GENERAL HEALTH STATUS.

FOUR DUTIES SUPPORTING ORAL EXAMINATION

- ASSIST THE DENTIST
  - READINESS CLASSIFICATION
  - CHART PATHOLOGY
  - PERIODONTAL SCREENING (PSR)
- ASSIST PATIENT WITH MED HISTORY
- RADIOGRAPHS
- VITAL SIGNS
- ORAL HYGIENE INSTRUCTION

RESTORATIVE OR OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

- THAT BRANCH OF DENTISTRY CONCERNED WITH THE REPAIR OF DISEASED OR DAMAGED TEETH TO HEALTH AND FUNCTION WITH METALLIC AND NON-METALLIC MATERIALS.

RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

- ASSIST IN PLACING RUBBER DAM
- ASSIST IN CAVITY PREPARATION
- ASSIST IN PLACING AMALGAM RESTORATIONS
- ASSIST IN PLACING COMPOSITE AND OTHER RESTORATIONS

ORAL SURGERY

- THAT BRANCH OF DENTISTRY CONCERNED WITH THE DIAGNOSIS, SURGICAL MANAGEMENT, AND ADJUNCTIVE TREATMENT OF DISEASES, INJURIES, AND DEFECTS OF THE JAWS AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES.

FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTING ORAL SURGERY

- PREOPERATIVE CARE
- SET UP AND MAINTAIN STERILE FIELDS
- ASSIST DURING SURGERY:
  - EXTRACTIONS
  - JAW FRACTURES
- POSTOPERATIVE CARE

PROSTHODONTICS

- THAT BRANCH OF DENTISTRY CONCERNED WITH RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ORAL FUNCTION THROUGH THE REPLACEMENT OF MISSING TEETH AND STRUCTURES.

FOUR DUTIES SUPPORTING PROSTHODONTICS

- ASSIST IN MAKING IMPRESSIONS
- ASSIST IN JAW RELATION RECORDS
- ASSIST IN INSERTION AND ADJUSTMENT OF DENTURES
- ASSIST IN DENTURE REPAIR
- PERFORM SOME LAB PROCEDURES

PERIODONTICS

- THAT BRANCH OF DENTISTRY CONCERNED WITH THE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF THE SUPPORTING STRUCTURES OF THE TEETH.

FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTING PERIODONTICS

- ASSIST IN DIAGNOSIS
- SHARPEN INSTRUMENTS
- ASSIST IN SURGICAL PROCEDURES
- PROVIDE DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS TO PATIENTS WITH MINIMAL INDICATIONS (WHO DON’T NEED TO SEE THE DENTAL HYGIENEST)

ENDODONTICS

- THAT BRANCH OF DENTISTRY CONCERNED WITH THE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF DISEASES AND INJURIES THAT AFFECT THE DENTAL PULP, ROOT, AND PERIAPICAL TISSUE.

FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTING ENDODONTICS

- ASSIST IN RUBBER DAM PLACEMENT
- ASSIST IN ENDODONTIC PROCEDURES
- RADIOGRAPHS WHICH SUPPORT ENDO PROCEDURES

OTHER SPECIALITES

- **PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**: CHILDREN
- **ORTHODONTICS**: GUIDANCE AND CORRECTION OF MALOCCLUSION
- **ORAL PATHOLOGY**: CLINICAL AND MICROSCOPIC DIAGNOSIS OF ORAL DISEASE.

Questions